



**FESTIVE FLAVORS** In keeping with tradition, left, Arcata City Hall employees joined forces with North Coast Children's Services to make sure local families in need have a jolly holiday. The agency helps identify families and coordinate gifts, which are purchased by city employees. Right, Anna Pinsky with Zach, 8, and Daniel, 4, place candles in a Menorah at the Chanukah 2017 Celebration at the Bayside Community Hall. The Menorah was later lit by attendees (top of page). Below, everyone was a winner at Humboldt Educare's Ugly Holiday Sweater Run on the Plaza Sunday morning. TOP LEFT PHOTO BY MATT FILAR | UNION; PHOTOS TOP RIGHT AND BELOW BY ELIZABETH DRABKIN



**NEXTGEN LEADERS**  
**TAKE REINS**  
**AT CITY HALL**

**THEY'RE THE TOP** After years of Orneli, Patinae and Winklera dominating the City Council dais, new young blood is at the top echelons of Arcata leadership. Above, Mayor Sofia Pereira and Vice Mayor Brett Watson. KLH | UNION

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

**ARCATA** — Arcata's new mayor is Sofia Pereira, and Brett Watson is vice mayor. The two were elected, both by unanimous votes of the council.

The traditionally perfunctory special meeting in which the City Council selects next year's top officers has been getting less so. Two years ago, former Mayor Susan Ornelas used the occasion to tar Mayor-to-be Paul Pitino as too emotionally volatile for the position.

This year, the succession rite was infused with tension over the unresolved killing of Humboldt State student David Josiah Lawson. Advocates for whom turned out at 8 a.m. to ask pointed questions and make numerous off-mic comments during what is mostly a ceremonial proceeding. A new group advocating for the retention of the McKinley statue even made a potentially face-

**COUNCIL** ❖ **A3**

## County closer to regulating commercial pot grows

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

**HUMBOLDT** — Approaching a decision-making point on a new marijuana regulation ordinance, Humboldt County's Planning Commission has rejected a restrictive environmentally superior alternative and declined to define a cap on permit numbers.

The commission weighed the pros and cons of key regulatory proposals at its December 14 meeting.

Planning Director John Ford told commissioners that the new commercial marijuana production ordinance's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) assumes that 1,000 permit applications for new grows will stem from the ordinance.

The up to 15,000 grows that already exist form a "baseline" or current condition, he

### OUR CHANGING CANNABIS WORLD

❖ **City:** On the Arcata City Council's agenda tonight, Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. are two ordinances aligning medical and non-medical cannabis regulations, and allowing non-medical cannabis business activity in Arcata dispensaries and the Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone. **A3**

❖ **City:** The city is to begin issuing Commercial Cannabis Activity Permits to assist local business owners applying for state permits. **A2**

❖ **County:** The Board of Supervisors 2018 legislative lobbying platform advocates for restricting the maximum size of commercial cannabis grows to one acre, to help keep smaller farmers competitive **A2**

continued, which regulation will improve. Ford explained that a ban on new permit applications is most effective way to reduce additional impacts and an environmentally superior project alternative with a new permit ban is included in the EIR.

But commissioners were uncertain whether banning new permits would work as intended, saying that new growers would choose to cultivate outside of regulation.

Commissioner Ben Shepherd said blocking new growers from the permit process gives the existing black market a bureaucratic advantage.

"It leaves the market entirely to those people who were out there illegally operating and excludes people who chose to wait until the new opportunities arrive," he continued. "And

**GROWS** ❖ **A3**

## Planco re-ponders The Village

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

**ARCATA** — The Arcata Planning Commission again considered the proposed four-story, 800-resident The Village student housing project last week.

Community Development Director David Loya began by presenting newly detailed project alternatives for the project. These included a three-story version which he said would have no new environmental impacts, and another configuration requested at the previous meeting which would move the project closer to U.S. Highway 101 and away from

Maple Lane.

Residents on that Westwood Village street have objected to the mammoth project looming over their backyards, causing a range of noise, privacy and other impacts. The project applicant, AMCAL Equities, LLC, set Westwooders on edge with a photo simulation of the way the final project would look from the west that didn't match up with story poles erected on the current Craftsman's Mall site.

A revised image presented at the previous meeting showed much taller buildings, though

**VILLAGE** ❖ **A3**

## Three arrested with meth, cash, gun

**MAD RIVER UNION**

**ARCATA** — Three people, two of them gang members, were arrested with meth and a firearm during a traffic stop Saturday morning, Dec. 16 on Spear Avenue in Arcata.

Officers with the Arcata Police Department pulled over a Mercedes Benz sedan at 10:24 a.m. on the 1100 block of Spear Avenue.

Passenger Ronald Joshua Loureiro, 29, of Arcata was taken into custody on a parole warrant. Loureiro is a member of a gang, according to a press release from Arcata Police.

Another passenger, Cierra Rebecah Lee Oscar, 24, of Klamath, was on probation for narcotics and weapons-related violations and was searched per the terms of her probation. Officers found her to be allegedly in possession of half an ounce of meth and meth-related paraphernalia.

**BUST** ❖ **A4**



**PARTY FAVORS** The loot confiscated during the Spear Avenue pullover. APD PHOTO

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# County lobbies state for pot grow size limit

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s Board of Supervisors has approved its 2018 legislative lobbying platform, which includes advocating for state-level restrictions on maximum commercial marijuana grow size.

At their Dec. 12 meeting, supervisors reviewed and approved the county’s federal and state lobbying priorities. One of the main state lobbying items is pushing for long-term implementation of a one-acre grow size limit.

The platform document states that a state restriction on grow size will be eliminated in 2023.

The state has actually removed the limit but maintaining a one-acre size cap is “in the interest of the county and the rest of the state to ensure that small cultivators can remain competitive in the marketplace,” according to the document.

Also on the list is lobbying for fair distribution of grant funds derived from commercial marijuana revenue, protecting the county’s farmlands from sea level rise, “allowing large trucks through Richardson Grove,” “addressing impacts of opioid abuse”

and “helping families out of poverty.”

County Administrative Analyst Sean Quincey reported that a major area of lobbying from the 2017 platform has been responded to.

He said that “several housing issues” have been addressed this year in a 15-bill package approved by Governor Jerry Brown. The county’s platform includes a section on advocating for grant funding for low income housing projects and Quincey said it no longer needs to be included.

“The housing package that was signed by the governor addresses many of the key issues,” he continued.

He said establishing a permanent funding source for low income housing has been addressed through the state’s establishment of a \$75 fee on recordable real estate documents and a \$4 billion housing bond measure will be on the 2018 election ballot.

“Humboldt County will have access to those funds,” said Quincey.

Another item for the coming year is pushing for state legislation requiring Cal Fire to respond to emergencies on highways 101 and 299. Supervisor Estelle Fennell recommended broadening the scope and supervisors agreed to change the wording to generally cover state routes and highways.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said climate change should be more thoroughly addressed.

“Climate change is barely referenced in this document,” he continued, noting that “many communities have come on board to support the Paris climate action and I think we should be moving in that direction with everyone else.”

Wilson said the platform’s mention of sea level rise is limited to protection of agricultural lands and “there are so many more issues related to sea level rise that we’re going to have to be dealing with, in terms of our policies, that are absent from this document.”

He said more attention to climate change issues should be included in next year’s platform.

Protecting the Klamath and Trinity rivers is part of the federal-level platform. Wilson recommended adding the Eel River, which is Fennell’s district. She recommended that the Mad River, which is Wilson’s district, should be added. Both rivers were.

The county’s federal legislative lobbying priorities also include support for affordable child care, Humboldt Bay dredging, improving child welfare services and allowing federal-level marijuana regulation.

# Arcata to issue provisional commercial cannabis permits

**CITY OF ARCATA**

ARCATA – The City of Arcata will issue Provisional Commercial Cannabis Activity Permits (CCAP’s) to assist business owners who plan to apply for State of California licensing before a CCAP is issued.

A Provisional CCAP will be issued to business owners who fulfill requirements which include a completed application form with applicable fees; proof of site control; owner, management, and key employee identification; and description of operations. In addition, an applicant must meet Police Department compliance, and the property must meet zoning and use conditions.

For detailed information and requirements, interested parties should contact Edith Rosen with the City of Arcata. Business owners who have submitted a CCAP application which fulfills the above requirements, but have yet to be issued a CCAP, are eligible to obtain a Provisional CCAP.

The city expects to begin issuing these provisional permits by the end of the year

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** The City of Arcata’s Economic Development Committee has changed its meeting day and time. It had been meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. The new meeting day and time is the first Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chamber, 736 F St., Arcata. Its first meeting at the new day and time will be Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. If you have questions about the meetings of the Economic Development Committee, contact Senior Planner Joe Mateer at (707) 822-5955.

# Key county building official retiring

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s Planning and Building Department will be without one of its key figures, as Chief Building Official Todd Sobolik is retiring after 33 years of work with the county.

Sobolik’s work and retirement were noted at the Dec. 12 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisors approved a resolution that credits Sobolick for providing “efficient and effective service to members of the public, including seasoned contractors and inexperienced homebuilders, gaining their respect and appreciation.”

The resolution also highlights the “countless hours” of training Sobolik has provided to county building inspectors and department staff. His efforts “will continue to influence the department for years to come.”

Sobolik began work for the county in 1984, when he was just 23 years old. In 1990, he became the county’s first chief building official.

He told supervisors that his work has been challenging due to a changeable regulatory environment.

“I’ve seen a lot of change in the codes, I’ve seen a lot of change in the county,” he continued. “I’ve also seen things go in circles, with both the codes and the county.” He added California’s code changes “make it more difficult every year, to stay on top of stuff – it’s a never-ending task.”

But Sobolik said he’s “really enjoyed working for the county” and will miss his staff and co-workers.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell described Sobolik as a “local expert” whose knowledge on code compliance was sought after

and well-explained to the public.

Supervisor Rex Bohn said he dealt with Sobolik before he became a supervisor. Those interactions were apparently somewhat adversarial.

“I was building gas stations and I was arguing with him then and then I decided to take a little project on in Cutten and we fought like cats and dogs,” said Bohn. “We never got along very well, needless to say.”

But Bohn added that he observed how Sobolik tended to his elderly parents’ needs and “you can tell the measure of a man by the way he treats his family.”

Supervisor Mike Wilson said Sobolik’s work has furthered public safety, a benefit that’s not readily apparent because of its preventative nature.

County Planning Director John Ford described Sobolik as an indispensable leader of the department.

“I’ve never seen a retirement where the individual retiring means more to the department than Todd Sobolik does,” he said. “You can’t replace somebody who has been the only chief building official – he defined the position, he was the first one appointed to it, he defined the role and he has implemented it.”

Ford added that major efforts such as the General Plan Update and processing commercial marijuana permits “seem easy” compared to replacing Sobolik.

Ford told supervisors, “Todd Sobolik can’t be replaced.”

Presented with the resolution, Sobolik was given a standing ovation by supervisors and the audience, which included numerous members of the department’s staff.

# Wash your hands! Norovirus hits

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

EUREKA – More than 130 students from the South Bay Union School District are sick from what Public Health officials believe to be a norovirus outbreak centered at Pine Hill School and affecting nearby South Bay and South Bay Charter schools.

South Bay Union School District will close its three schools, all currently impacted by a norovirus outbreak. The closure will run through this week, with the winter break beginning next week.

One hundred and thirty-two students of 489 enrolled in the three-school district were out last Friday. One hundred and one students were absent Thursday, while 88 missed school a week ago on Wednesday. An unknown number of staff members are also ill.

The Public Health Laboratory in Eureka has confirmed the presence of the highly contagious virus, which causes nausea, fever, vomiting, stomach pain and explosive watery diarrhea. Additional laboratory testing will be conducted today.

Officials have already documented cases of transmission from students to parents and other family members, so the number of current cases is likely higher.

Infected people typically show symptoms within 12 to 48 hours of exposure to the virus. Contagion is believed to last at least 24 hours after recovery.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus causes an acute inflammation of the stomach and intestines. People catch the virus by accidentally ingesting stool or vomit from an infected person. This typically happens by consuming contaminated food

or liquids, touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then putting your fingers in your mouth, or sharing food or utensils with someone who is infected.

Parents, staff and children are strongly encouraged to go home from school or work if they have any sign of illness, and to remain there at least 24 hours after all symptoms have subsided.

There is no cure for norovirus, which generally passes on its own within a few days. The CDC notes that it cannot be treated with antibiotics, because it is a viral, rather than bacterial, infection. Drinking lots of fluids is recommended to replace those lost during the course of the illness.

Hand washing is the best defense. Wash hands frequently throughout the day with soap and water.

Hand sanitizing gels and wipes are ineffective against the virus. Clean contaminated surfaces thoroughly with a strong disinfectant such as bleach.

Even then the virus is often extremely difficult to contain. It can survive on surfaces for weeks, and few disinfectants are effective against it.

An outbreak in Yolo County earlier this year sickened an estimated 4,000 people, and despite exhaustive decontamination efforts resulted in the closure of several schools.

The illness spread from Woodland to schools in West Sacramento, Winters, Esparto and Davis, including U.C. Davis.

Public Health officials are working side by side with the staff and superintendent of Pine Hill and South Bay schools, who have pledged their full support in combatting the spread of illness.

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
While the <i>Union</i> strives for accuracy, we also strongly recommend that you verify dates and times prior to setting out to attend any of the following public meetings.			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
<b>Arcata City Council</b> Meets first & third Wednesday	today, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	<a href="http://cityofarcata.org">cityofarcata.org</a>
<b>Arcata Fire District Board of Directors</b> Meets third Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m.	Arcata Station Classroom 631 Ninth St., Arcata	<a href="http://arcatafire.org">arcatafire.org</a>
<b>Blue Lake City Council</b> Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Bldg behind City Hall	<a href="http://bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas">bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation District</b> Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	<a href="http://humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice">humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District</b> Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 11 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	<a href="http://hbmwd.com/meetings">hbmwd.com/meetings</a>
<b>Humboldt County Board of Supervisors</b> Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	<a href="http://humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
<b>Manila Community Services District</b> Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 21 CANCELED	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	<a href="http://manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm">manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</a>
<b>McKinleyville Community Services District</b> Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	<a href="http://mckinleyvillecsd.com">mckinleyvillecsd.com</a>
<b>McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee</b> Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m.	Middle School Conf. Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	<a href="http://humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ">humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</a>
<b>Trinidad City Council</b> Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	<a href="http://trinidad.ca.gov">trinidad.ca.gov</a>
<b>Westhaven Community Services District</b> Meets third Wednesday	today, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.	Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 Sixth Ave., Westhaven	(707) 677-0798 <a href="mailto:wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com">wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com</a>

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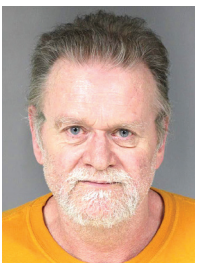
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❖ SUSPECTED DUI

Arrest after pedestrian struck down in Eureka

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
EUREKA – A Eureka man was arrested Thursday evening, Dec. 14 after he allegedly drove drunk and killed a pedestrian on the 600 block of West Harris Street in Eureka. Officers from the Eureka Police Department were called to the scene at 5:51 p.m. for a report of a vehicle hitting a pedestrian, who was transported by City Ambulance to St. Joseph’s Hospital, where he died from injuries sustained in the collision. His name is being withheld pending



Gary Joel Cudney

notification of next of kin. The driver of the involved vehicle, identified as Gary Joel Cudney, 61, of Eureka, was contacted and exhibited objective signs of being under the influence, according to a press release from Eureka Police. Cudney was taken into custody and booked into the county jail on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and driving under the influence. He is being held on \$100,000 bail. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Officer Linfoot at (707) 441-4060.

Council | Ornelas cites rich, challenging year

❖ FROM A1  
tious appearance amid background comments by protesters.

The first public comment was by one of several Lawson advocates. He hoped for a new mayor who is “less condescending” than Ornelas. He said he hoped Pereira “better represents the people of Arcata” and will not look at the Lawson case as “just another thing that happened.”

“I am happy that we no longer have Susan Ornelas as our mayor,” the man said. “Thank you,” Ornelas said.

On stepping down, Ornelas thanked the community for the opportunity. “Currently, we’re rocking as a city,” she said. She said it had been a “difficult and challenging year,” but that it was also “deep and rich.” She quoted the Dalai Lama’s definition of love, “to truly want the best for the other.”

Pereira kicked off her mayorship on a positive note. “I’m honored that my colleagues on the council have entrusted me with this responsibility,” she said. “I am excited to continue working with our community partners on issues surrounding the Plaza, housing, public safety and ensuring this is a livable community for all our residents. I am looking forward to supporting the city’s goals while at the same time being responsive to the needs of our community. We live in a great and engaged community – I’m proud to step up and serve in this role.”

Councilmember Paul Pitino, perhaps mindful of his Ornelas-snob from two years ago, said he likes routine rotation of the top council positions because it offers predictability. When he nominated Watson for the vice-mayor position, blogger Tina Sampay spoke out from the back of the chamber.

“I object,” Sampay said. “He’s new here. If anything, I should be the mayor if that’s the case; if you’re going to give it to somebody who’s only been here a few months and doesn’t even know that the Arcata Police Association isn’t even represented by the union.”

Pereira then opened up public comment on the matter, but no one stepped up to the public podium to address the council and home viewers. Sampay nonetheless fired off a few more remarks from the back of the audience, telling the council to “do some research so you guys can understand how the city really works.”

The council then plowed through a list of councilmember liaison assignments, specifying who will represent Arcata to local and regional bodies in and out of government in the coming year.

On opening the matter up to public com-

ment, the man who’d commented before objected to Ornelas’s appointment as liaison to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG). “I feel that she doesn’t really represent the diversity of Arcata very well, and doesn’t even try to,” he said. “Arcata is often seen as the progressive town in Humboldt, so we want the progressive candidates to be representing us.”

Sampay, holding up a poster, asked for an explanation of the qualifications for mayor and vice mayor, and the process for their selection. “Are you guys just going off the top of your head?” she asked.

Former City Councilmember Bob Ornelas spoke as “acting president of the Mexicans for McKinley, Sunny Brae chapter.” He thanked the former mayor for her service and offered best wishes to Pereira.

At this, Sampay, standing behind him, said, “You’re her husband!”

Another woman said she was a representative of a new group called the “Historic Justice Alliance.” She urged the new council to pursue the Lawson case and “removal of the racist statue of Mr. McKinley... those emblems should not be in our town and a murderer should not be walking around in our town because those things are things that make people unsafe in this community.”

Responding to comments, Pereira clarified that HCAOG has a transportation focus, and isn’t a body focused generally on area government. She also said that Watson, having taken over former Councilmember Mark Wheatley’s seat, was next in line for the vice mayor position by regular rotation.

Ornelas noted that anyone who’d serve as mayor would have to be elected. Councilmember Michael Winkler said the mayor had to have demonstrated experience to be qualified for the position.

Amid more off-mic objections by Sampay, Councilmember Paul Pitino explained the differences between General Law cities, which Arcata is, and charter cities.

When the council reconvened as the Joint Powers Authority, the man who’d addressed the council previously asked that costs for removal of “the McKinleyville statue” (a common misnomer) be disclosed. He also urged city staff, particularly Arcata Police, to undergo racial bias awareness training.

The costs and logistics of statue removal, plus legal, environmental and permitting requirements may be provided by the city at the Feb. 21 City Council meeting which will be dedicated to discussion of the statue and Jacoby Building plaque.

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

The Arcata City Council meets **Wednesday, Dec. 20** at 6 p.m. in Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. The agenda includes a closed session item adopting two ordinances that amend zoning regulations and the Arcata Municipal Code to bring them into conformance with state law regarding recreational cannabis. Another closed session item accepts a \$1,754,000 grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Jacoby Creek Forest Expansion Project. Old Business includes a near-



ly \$700,000 grant for engineering and pre-design for improvements to Arcata’s Wastewater Treatment Plant. New Business includes consideration of historic preservation and other matters pertaining to rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Daggett Landmark Property at 1619 H Street; introduction of an ordinance that improves the process for assessment of fines for violations of the Arcata Municipal Code regarding zoning and building ordinances; and more.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE

Arcata’s His-

toric Landmarks Committee meets **Thursday, Dec. 21** at 4 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall. Agenda items include creation of a recommendation to the City Council about enhancement and removal of Plaza features; discussion of potential cultural and historic resources on the Humboldt Bay Trail South; and more.

MCKINLEYVILLE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The **Thursday, Dec. 21** meeting of the McKinleyville Recreation Advisory Committee has been canceled. The next meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the McKinleyville Community Services District Office at 1656 Sutter Rd.

Village | Nowhere for housing to go but up

❖ FROM A1  
they looked like they were either narrower versions or different buildings altogether. Also, lush foliage in the replacement image which was depicted as somewhat obscuring the buildings appeared to originate in the residents’ backyards, as nothing similar was depicted on the actual building site as landscaping in building elevations that AMCAL had provided. The anomalies in the original and revised photo simulations weren’t addressed at the meeting, but may be at the next one.

Loya then offered a full-throated defense of city polices on infill, as described in the General Plan. “This is an infill project,” Loya stated. “There are going to be impacts associated with infill.”

He noted that the impacts are recognized in the General Plan, which includes policies that encourage infill. And when infill projects such as The Village are considered, hard decisions have to be made to balance impacts and the need for housing.

Arcata’s boundaries are fixed, Loya said, and city policies deterring development of wooded hillsides and agricultural land are also well entrenched and unlikely to change. That leaves infill development.

Loya acknowledged that parking will almost unavoidably create an impact on surrounding neighborhoods. But, he said, the true solution lies in sticking with, and truly iterating, long-term growth policies, and that includes moving away from today’s vehicular transportation model.

“We will never get beyond the hump that it’s a significant impact if we don’t start shifting our policy direction, if we don’t start shifting our policy practice, our implementation, adopting projects that actually encourage the types of modeshift that we purport to be about,” Loya said.

The parking space count, he said, came about because of City Council direction that it be limited “to the greatest extent possible.”

Reducing the scale of the project, he said in so many words, is like sugar candy – tasty in the moment but not healthy for the town in the long run. “To try and adjust that impact by simply reducing the scale of these projects ultimately is going to have the effect of squandering what limited resources that we have left to us for growth into the future,” Loya said.

He countered suggestions that the project will harm the community, when it will house community members who are stu-

dents. “I’m not exactly sure who the community is, if it’s not all the people who live in, work, in, school in Arcata,” he said.

The simplest thing to do would be to minimize projects and impacts “because we don’t want that to impact you now.” But that has to be balanced with pent-up and future housing demand city-wide. All this is to avoid Los Angeles-style sprawl. “There is no question that every community is going to be looking at going up instead of out if they have the capacity to,” he said.

Public comment on the EIR, scheduled to close Dec. 15, should be extended to Jan. 15, Loya said, to allow feedback on new, incoming project information. But even that, he said, won’t be the final opportunity for public comment at future public hearings.

Meanwhile, the city has discussed installation of an “amoeba” shaped roundabout for the intersection of L.K. Wood Boulevard and Sunset Avenue.

Applicant David Moon said a downsized, three-story, 700-resident project would be less than optimal, but feasible. “We would prefer the maximum density that we originally proposed because we think that the community and particularly the students that we serve would derive the most benefit,” Moon said.

During public comment, Sean Armstrong, business partner of City Councilmember Michael Winkler in their Redwood Energy consulting firm, said the project will be all-electric and feature a solar array to approach zero net energy status. He suggested that the buildings could initially be two stories, then later three. A community resource building offering small businesses serving the community might be a worthy enhancement, as would “student family” housing for students with children.

Speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, former Humboldt State President Rollin Richmond endorsed the project for meeting student housing needs.

Former City Councilmember Connie Stewart encouraged the Planco to consider mitigations that would allow the project to move forward, satisfying infill development goals she helped foster years ago.

Loya said that the project as proposed is within Arcata’s projected growth rates.

In a final comment, Maple Laner Steve Martin said he appreciated the height mitigations, but that even 700 students would pose a massive impact on his neighborhood.

Grows | Permit allocations could depend on cultivation impacts to the county’s 12 watersheds

❖ FROM A1  
so I can’t support an option that would punish people for obeying the law.”

Commissioner Brian Mitchell agreed and said a more reasonable approach would be to restrict the locations where new grows can be set up.

Commissioner Noah Levy said he doesn’t support the environmentally superior alternative despite being an environmentalist. “I think there’s too much else at stake in terms of allowing this industry to thrive,” he continued. “And the newly-permitted projects, individually, will be the least environmentally harmful.”

Other commissioners agreed and most voted to not recommend the new permit ban. They had more of a struggle with another restriction proposal – to cap the county’s total number of both new and existing cultivation permits.

A planning staff proposal to do so included a 5,000-permit cap. To gauge the effects of permitting, the county’s 12 watersheds would be monitored under the proposal. Permit allocations in specific watersheds would be adjusted up or down based on the results.

There is uncertainty about the outcomes of the new regulatory process, however.

Ford said that the watershed monitoring will ensure that the regulatory process is improving environmental conditions as expected.

The cap is “intended to be a point at which there is an analysis to make sure that what we expect to happen, will happen,” he continued.

Board Chair Bob Morris questioned that, saying, “We have not a clue what’s gonna happen so I don’t know how we can have expectations based on the limited amount of data that we have now.”

Discussion ensued on whether the proposed 5,000-permit cap is the correct number.

Shepherd said the number is “too arbitrary” and “we’re just shooting in the dark.”

Morris commented on the balance between reducing impacts of the industry and accommodating those who want to legally participate.

“I’m concerned that the 5,000 is too limiting and there’s just too many people that are gonna be left out there in nev-

er-never land,” he said, adding that he’d be likely to “reluctantly go for this” if the cap was raised to 8,000 permits.

Commissioners made motions on the permit cap that were altered and then withdrawn. There was apparent support for the general idea of a cap based on watershed-by-watershed analysis, however.

Ford advanced a less defined proposal – that the condition of watersheds be monitored and a cap and distribution of permits be adopted if necessary by the Board of Supervisors.

In a straw vote, most commissioners supported that.

The hearing was continued to Jan. 11, when the commission will make its final recommendations on the ordinance. Ford said a final draft of the ordinance will then proceed to the Board of Supervisors in early February.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Defying societal norms, or the new normal?

• **Thursday, December 7 1:32 p.m.** An E Street resident involved in a tiffysnit with the upstairs neighbor happened upon a new tactic for winning the arg – waltzing into the guy’s apartment through his open door, firing off some pointed rejoinders and then snatching his glasses off his very face. She then broke the glasses and locked herself in her apartment, savoring victory.

**11:33 p.m.** The floor of a busy downtown donut shop might not be your first choice for a happenin’ napsite, but then you aren’t him.

• **Friday, December 8 2:37 p.m.** A brown and gray puppy is said to be tied up every day without food or water at a druggie house on Seventh Street, and even the rope is makeshift.

**4:01 p.m.** A woman outside a Plaza beautification shop shrieked obscenities at passersby, as though they were to blame for her being wrapped in a sleeping bag and jackets.

**6:37 p.m.** As a young boy played his violin nearby, adding to the merriment of the Winter Solstice Open House on the Plaza, a trio of oblivoids on a corner bench lit up their stinky smoking materials, fogging the zone with foulness. They got a talking to.

• **Saturday, December 9 12:48 p.m.** A man in a verdant ensemble of green pants and a camouflage jacket took out his life frustrations on all available surfaces at 11th and G streets. These included trees and buildings that needed punching, and his two dogs, which he jerked around on their leash.

**3:31 p.m.** A pointedly piquant assortment of trash was deposited along South G Street, the items including diapers, syringes and paperwork.

**9:40 p.m.** A red-haired woman in black

leggings in a Uniontown supermarket had concealed alcohol about her person, and was lingering in the jam aisle preparing to flee the store. An officer went and warned her never to return.

**10:21 p.m.** Someone on the ill-lit pedestrian walkway connecting Humboldt State to town busied her or himself setting a cardboard box ablaze, possibly for illumination.

• **Sunday, December 10 1:17 a.m.** Someone was worried about a rental truck parked on B Street south of 12th Street because of recent thefts in the neighborhood. Also, the sheer weight of the truck appeared to be cracking the pavement beneath it.

**3:50 a.m.** A shoplifter in a gray shirt with black sleeves tried to game the system by going through the checkout line with unpaid-for booze hidden on him, but store personnel were wise to his scheme. He was arrested.

**10:26 a.m.** Someone called police concerned about the omnidirectional, untraceable fog of cannabis smoke enveloping Northtown, because children might inhale it. Asked where he thought the smoke was coming from, the caller became upset.

**12:08 p.m.** A skateboarder at Larson Park copped a ’tude when tennis players asked him to move so they could use the courts there. He persisted with the surly skateage until a cop came and moved him along.

**8:37 p.m.** A man on the Plaza liked to talk, his favorite subject being stabbing people.

**9:32 p.m.** An 11th Street resident reported hearing soft voices coming from his attic.

**10:55 p.m.** A man outside an H Street night club may have been staggering, but at least he was carrying a

machete. He was arrested on a public drunkenness charge.

• **Monday, December 11 9:56 a.m.** It’s not exactly the intended recreation when police are called to a narcotics violation on a swingset, this one being in the park at 15th and F streets.

**11:36 a.m.** Someone responded to an Aldergrove business’s employment ad with harassing phone calls, and probably wasn’t hired.

**3:14 p.m.** Aloha Way – like Eye Street, almost its own country – further defied societal norms by hosting two trucks in the what’s supposed to be the turnaround area every morning.

• **Tuesday, December 12 5:43 a.m.** A sub-sub-sub-genius with access to a gas pedal revved his mighty engine and yelled on Janes Road.

**11:41 a.m.** The motorhome campers on 13th Street were ideal new neighbors, if by ideal we mean constantly stuffing their trash into someone’s bin after being asked not to and running a loud-ass generator at night.

**2:45 p.m.** A woman was severely creeped out by a fellow bus passenger, who had a knife under his shirt and was breathing altogether too heavily.

**4:32 p.m.** More variations on nominal behavior as a man on the Plaza variously flailed his arms about, jumped on and off the benches and frightened others.

**7:24 p.m.** Someone unknown is constantly dumping trash near Heindon Road, and the rats are loving it.

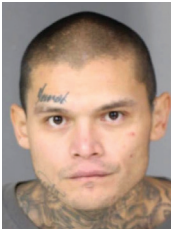
**9:38 p.m.** A beanie-topped shoplifter at a Uniontown supermarket was last seen fleeing with some easy quarry – a cooked chicken. The poultry rustler was sought for prosecution.

**11:05 p.m.** The hills are alive – well, 14th and G streets, which is up the hill – with the sound of a man and a woman yelling for three hours.

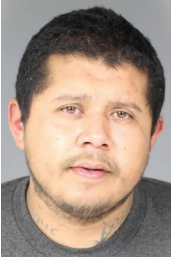


**SOLEMNLY SWORN** Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman looks on as Mayor Sofia Pereira swears in two new APD officers Friday morning at City Hall. Officers Tyler Moore and Travis Sherrod were sponsored by the department through College of the Redwoods’ Police Academy. The additions bring APD’s sworn positions up to 23, still four officers fewer than budgeted.

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**Ronald Joshua Loureiro**



**Andrew Garcia**



**Cierra Rebecca Lee Oscar**

Bust | Felons ❖ FROM A1

The driver of the vehicle, Andrew Garcia, 29, who Arcata Police say is a “validated Norteno gang member from San Jose,” was found to allegedly have a loaded .40 caliber handgun concealed in his waistband.

Also in the vehicle, officers found an ounce of meth, several digital scales, ammunition, packaging materials for drug sales and \$6,400 in cash. All three were taken to Humboldt County Jail in Eureka.

Louriero was booked on suspicion of a parole violation, possession of a controlled substance for sale and transportation of a controlled substance.

Garcia was booked on suspicion of possession of a concealed weapon, being a felon in possession of a firearm while committing a felony, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance for sale and transportation of a controlled substance.

Oscar was booked on suspicion of being in possession of a controlled substance for sale, transportation of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

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16. Gymnast Korbut

17. Public building

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24. That femme

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46. Fragrant neckware

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51. Those easily victimized

54. Czech river

55. Honey factory

56. Guiding sponsorship

60. Pain

61. Splinter group

63. “Stop!” on the seas

64. Undesirable spots

65. Ending for Ann or Nan

66. French income

67. Rumanian coins

68. Raise

69. German city

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6. Misrepresent

7. Major disturbance

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10. Got a monopoly on

11. Skirt feature

12. Hard stone

13. Realtor’s delights

21. Rapidly growing tree

23. Spanish shouts

25. Nightclub

26. Part of a teacup

27. Chancellor \_\_\_ von Bismarck

28. Requirement

29. Bank transactions

32. Level, raised areas

34. Stack

35. Ending for 7 numbers

36. Mine entrance

38. Answering machine’s recordings

40. Amphibians

43. Den

45. Prime

48. Steamy spring

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58. This: Sp.

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Solution on page B3

Kevin L. Hoover  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata residents of a certain age may be able to remember those halcyon days of yesteryore, when Seventh Street between I and J streets was passable.

Actually it was only since mid-September that PG&E has had the street fenced off and full of heavy machinery and hardhatted workers, even if it seems like much longer.

According to a PG&E spokesperson, there are two projects ongoing there, and they’re quite involved.

The easier one is removing a 1950s-vintage gas valve that isn’t needed any more. The gas line there will be capped off.

Meanwhile, all valves at the site are being upgraded to modern, automated versions.

More challenging is the

PG&E GAS LINE  
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AFTER A HOLIDAY  
BREAK

**GAS & NO-GO** PG&E workers may look like they’re shooting a remake of *War of the Worlds*, but they’re really just digging deep for a gassier Arcata.

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Jolly Giant Creek is channeled. About 25 feet of the pipeline is being moved.

While the underground work will carry into the new year, PG&E plans to temporarily seal up the unfinished project this Friday, Dec. 20 and restore traffic access.

Then they’ll be back at it around Tuesday, Jan. 2. Project completion is expected sometimes around the end of January.

If all goes as planned, there should be no interruption in gas service for area customers.

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# OPINION

## ❖ VIEWFINDER

In front of the Trinidad Post Office last week, Janine Volkmar asked the question “What do you think about saving the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse?”



**HOWDY EMERSON** “I’m ambivalent about it.”



**CHRISTINE HILLS** “I’m all for saving it.”



**REGIS TRAINOR** “I work from home and sometimes I just need to clear my head out. My wife and I go there and sit and look out over the harbor. The lighthouse is really, really valuable and it has to be saved.”



**JENNA GAVIN** “It’s sort of an iconic spot for Trinidad – all the names there, including my stepson.”



**JEFF BORGELD** “I think the memorial part of it is the important thing. The ocean is such a big part of this town, always has been.”



**HEIDI BROWN** “I think it should be saved because it’s a symbol of our town and it brings in financial gain and that’s good for everybody. And it’s beautiful to look at.”

**What do you think?**  
**Write a letter to the editor.**  
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## What if they built The Village and nobody came ... with a car?

The Village dorm project is one of several major developments now being built or under consideration in Arcata. Naturally, many city residents want a timeout to consider the consequences. The risks to quality of life posed by the combined impacts of these developments are significant. As always, the greatest threat comes from cars.

That said, The Village provides the city with an excellent opportunity to create a major housing project that, once expanded and emulated, will actually improve rather than diminish our quality of life. The choice is clear, and it is immediate: Make the new dorm a car-free facility.

In considering The Village and other proposals, the city’s commitment to increase density and thus protect surrounding agricultural lands and other open space is an admirable goal. But that goal is only viable if a large majority of these many thousands of new residents can thrive without a car.

When we talk about “unlivable cities,” it’s almost always about vehicle impacts: the congestion, pollution, noise, pavement, infrastructure, and hazards that plague car-dominated communities. In Arcata today, if we largely and resolutely remove cars from the in-fill equation, then such development makes sense. If the city makes it easy for everyone — or even half of new residents — to own a car, then Arcata will have chopped away at its livability like



**❖ GUEST OPINION**  
**Greg King**

Lizzy Borden addressing the problem of her parents. Representatives of the company proposing to build The Village (AMCAL) recently told a local consultant that they would be happy to build it without parking. Removing from the development those 369 parking spaces would leave more room for raised garden beds and other forms of living. In addition, neighbors concerned about students parking and driving on their streets will be able to relax knowing that this dorm will be for students who do not own cars. But really it’s the city as a whole that would see the greatest benefits of removing the parking requirement.

The dorm project also provides an opportunity for HSU and city officials to collaborate on means of controlling, and reducing, the growth of car dominance in Arcata.

Fortunately, there are affordable, equitable first steps: HSU could, like other colleges, prohibit first-year entering students from bringing a car, immediately eliminating more than 1,000 vehicles from the city while inculcating beginning students (most of whom come from Southern California) with the understanding that it’s easy and desirable (and infinitely safer) to get around Arcata without a car.

Increasing the number of students with-

out cars will also stimulate the development of additional non-motorized infrastructure that allows everyone — students, local residents, and visitors alike — to safely and easily navigate our small community without a car. The Plaza and other public spaces immediately come to mind, as they could be reconfigured to decrease automobile impacts, making our great city safer, more enjoyable, and even more prosperous.

Many of us are quite grateful for the bike boulevards, the new Bay Trail, and other small contributions to non-motorized transportation in the city. But all of this visioning and expense will mean little if Arcata does not create codes and infrastructure that reduce rather than increase the use of cars. If all the proposed infill comes with cars then we’ll be faced with gridlock, as well as more tragedies such as the death last year of Alan Gradwohl, who was run over at a four-way stop by a drunk college student.

We are also grateful for the presence of HSU, which affords Arcata, and all of Humboldt County, the enormous cultural, intellectual and economic opportunities that only a college can provide. But if HSU is allowed to grow in an unrestrained fashion, and in the process foists upon Arcata thousands of additional cars, then the presence of the college could become a “net negative.” No one wants that.

Municipalities around the world are planning for the benefit of people at the expense of cars, with great success. Arcata should as well. As development pressures accelerate, our opportunities to influence how we grow depend on what we do right now.

Working with HSU, developers, and the public, Arcata policymakers and planners can and should create a transportation paradigm that nurtures and rewards car-free travel. That’s the future. Let’s embrace it.

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## Forget farting out a tweetstorm, just write a letter and share your thoughts

### Keep statue, remove name

Great importance is being placed on the bronze sculpture, placed on elevated pedestal on the Plaza. I feel strongly that memorializing an individual that caused serious harm is a bad practice.

I also believe that a beautiful bronze statue is strong statement of the value of art in our community. I think a much stronger statement this community can make is to orphan the statue. Disown the individual it was erected to memorialize. Remove the attribution.

Never mention the offensive name again. Leave the bronze for what it is. A statue. Remove or replace the attribution so that there is clearly no support for the man and his policies.

My intent with this comment is to encourage an alternative option to be considered. Think of the gains in this path. Significantly less cost. Saving public art which our community prides itself on and has invested in. Very significant statement about memorializing unacceptable individuals.

**Peter Brant**  
**Arcata**

### Thanks for pitching in

On behalf of Arcata Main Street I would like to extend a giant thank you to everyone who made our Holiday Open House such a success!

From Brendan and his Victorian horse and carriage rides and our Board President Victoria Joyce organizing the riders, to Shoshanna the Snow Queen and her Winter Wonderland with support from Board Member Jenny Kukuk, to our Elves (Rowan, Tommy, Savanimal and Ross) to our tactical planners, decorators, and lighting experts (Board Member Dan Tangney, Amanda Kachevias, Jacob Todd, Bridget Meyer and Bryce Cherpelis of 12BCPro) and who could forget Santa and Mrs. Claus!

This splendor was accented by pop up performance by Stilt Walkers from the Arcata Playhouse, and the Jacoby Creek School Choir! All of these people help us bring the Season of Wonder and Light to the downtown Arcata district, they make our town shine!

## ❖ LETTERS

Our downtown business owners and shops kept Arcata beautiful with holiday displays, phenomenal local art and by taking part in our annual window décor competition! Thank you to this year’s winners the Arcata Exchange, The Art Center and Arcata Tuxedo!

Also, thank you to our Judges: Bob Doran (Man About Town), Jazmine Mendoza (marketing director for Los Bagels), Lori Leora (Hands of Time Massage), Coco (Pasta Lugo), Brett Watson (Arcata City Council) and Jennifer Kukuk (Manager at US Bank.)

We hope anyone who missed it, will join us for a snowy Arcata Winter Solstice Open House on Friday Dec. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a snowy return visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse and carriage rides and much more! Our events and features are all complimentary (your Oyster Festival dollars at work!) and shops and restaurants are open late the entire weekend before Christmas for your convenience!

And lastly I would like to thank our hard working Board of Directors, who make it all work!

Many wishes of joy to you and yours,

**Jeanette Todd**  
**Arcata Main Street**

### Check the math on The Village

I hope we won’t pretend that there is sound rational for constructing 800 more bed units when HSU’s enrollment is down by 300 expected students? They are struggling to keep a football program that can not support itself. And it now takes 6 years to complete some degrees instead of four.

Many students will not continue recognizing they will drown in student loans. They are more likely to go where that can get the classes they need in a timely manner.

They can do math. Sara Turner nailed it in her Dec. 13

letter in the *Union*.

In McKinleyville, where “Horses (used to) have the right of way” developers there prefer screws to nails as they secure county contracts with a perfunctory nods to standard fair bid practices.

Arcata is awake. Arcata will have them recheck their math before it’s a done deal.

**Cindy Siemens**  
**McKinleyville**

### Say no to drug injection program

*(The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors was scheduled Dec. 19 to consider sending the following letter to Assemblymember Susan Eggman. – Ed.)*

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to express our desire to be removed from Assembly Bill (AB) 186, which would allow certain jurisdictions, including Humboldt, to establish a pilot supervised injection services program.

No county official in Humboldt County was contacted about inclusion in this legislation when it was introduced in the 2017 legislative session. While we appreciate innovative efforts aimed at harm reduction, we believe Humboldt County is not prepared for injection facilities.

Humboldt County is actively working on strategies to address drug addiction but an injection services program is not part of the county’s approach. Please remove Humboldt County from AB 186.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this matter further.

**Sincerely,**  
**Virginia Bass**  
**Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors**

**❖ Holiday deadline for letters and opinions is 9 a.m. Thursday. Email letters to [opinion@madriverriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverriverunion.com).**





**MAIN STREET VIEWS** Arcata Main Street's annual window display contest saw judges scrutinizing downtown. Left to right, Brett Watson of Humboldt Hemp Wick, Jazmine Mendoza of Los Baggels, Isabella Chino of PastaLuego, Bob Doran of The Hum, Jen Kukuk of U.S. Bank and Lori Leora of Hands of Time Massage scoring a window in historic Jacoby's Storehouse. The First Place winner was the window in Arcata Exchange, which features a living room scene complete with burning video fire and festive fauxmen. Second Place winner was the Art Center, featuring a jaunty narwhal. [arcatamainstreet.com](http://arcatamainstreet.com) PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



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# The Nutcracker

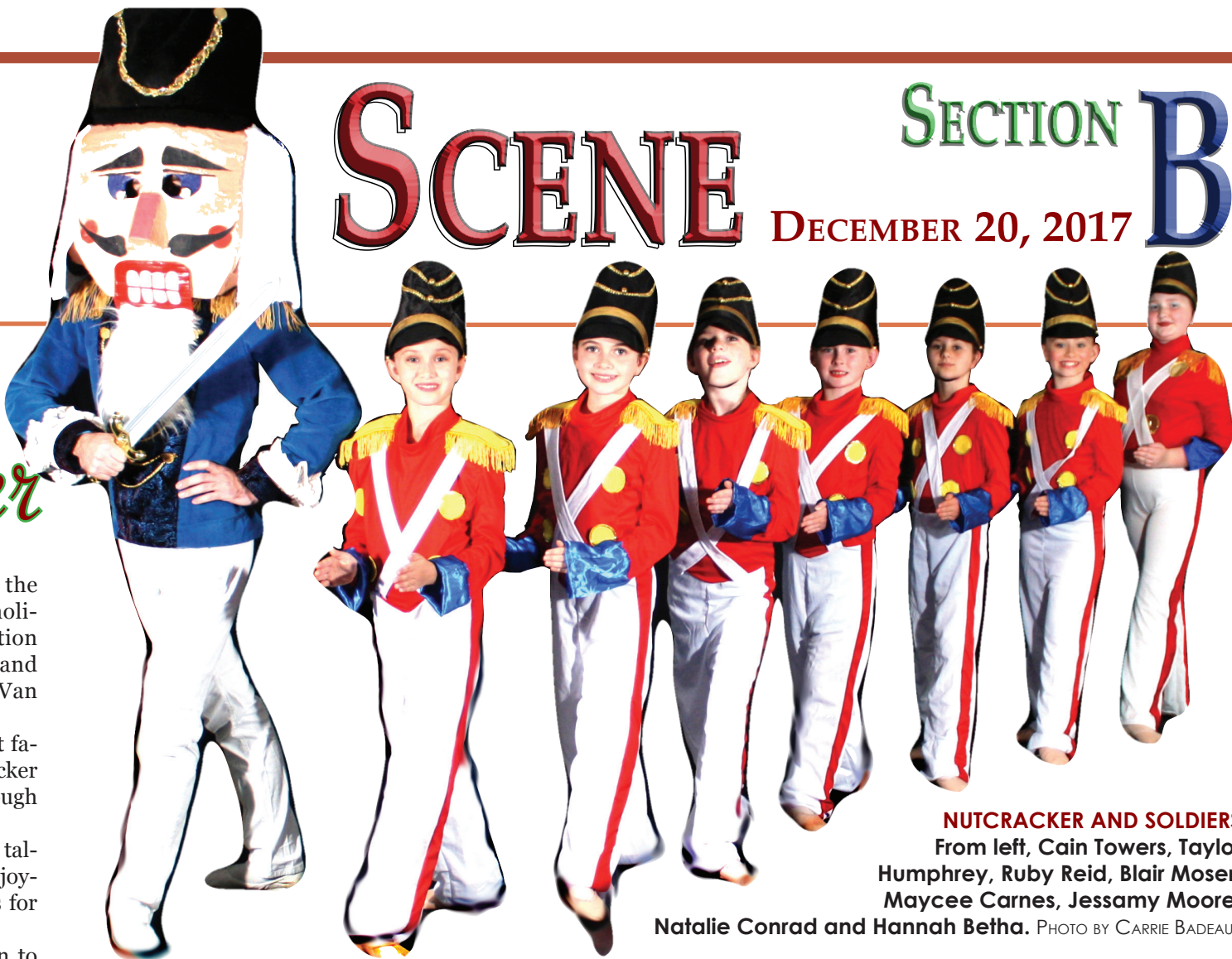
SUNDANCE BALLET COMPANY

ARCATA – The Ink People’s DreamMaker, the Sundance Ballet Company, brings the beloved holiday ballet tradition with its fifth annual production of “The Nutcracker” on Friday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at HSU’s Van Duzer Theater in Arcata.

Celebrate the holidays with this traditional ballet favorite. Adventure awaits as Clara and her Nutcracker battle the Rat King and embark on a journey through the Land of Sweets with the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Led by Artistic Director Carrie Badeaux and the talented dancers of the Sundance Ballet Company, this joyous classic will leave you with cherished memories for years to come.

Badeaux has once again brought this production to



## NUTCRACKER AND SOLDIERS

From left, Cain Towers, Taylor Humphrey, Ruby Reid, Blair Moser, Maycee Carnes, Jessamy Moore,

Natalie Conrad and Hannah Betha. PHOTO BY CARRIE BADEAUX

### THE NUTCRACKER

#### ❖ Date & Time

Friday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

❖ Location: Van Duzer Theatre at HSU

❖ Tickets: Pre-sale tickets are \$10/children, \$15/adults, available at Wildberries Marketplace, the Dance Scene Studio, online at [TutuTix.com](http://TutuTix.com). Tickets at the door are \$12/children, \$18/adults.

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life with traditional storytelling choreography, theatrical sets and dazzling costumes.

Dancer, Clare Endert, said, “I love ‘Nutcracker!’ It wouldn’t be the holidays without ‘Nutcracker.’ Even with all of the rehearsals and costume fittings, it’s worth the dedication because it’s so festive and spirited.”

Sundance Ballet Company’s 2017 production of The Nutcracker features Badeaux’s own choreography with nearly 100 local Dance Scene Studio students. The dancers hail from across Humboldt County and will dance in this year’s production to Tchaikovsky’s unforgettable score.

The Pas de Deux of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier is always a highly-anticipated delight and will be danced by guest artists Lauren Roberts and Cameron Surh from San Francisco. Additional new Pas de Deux are seen in Waltz of the Flowers with Mint couple Tonya Perry and Christian Testanier, Rose couple Katie Kitchen and Stuart Cataldo, and Dew Drop couple Sequoya Cross and Chris Brant, all who bring talented partnering elements to the stage. One dance with exceptional partnering feats this year is Russian Trepak danced by Brooke Grammer and

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ARABIAN COFFEE Tonya Perry, Cain Towers, Christian Testanier, Mira Becker and Faith Abercrombie.

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FLOWERS AND ROSE Back row, Brooke Grammer, Zaila Barba-Oliveri, Stuart Cataldo, Clare Endert and Carrie Badeaux. Front row, Christian Testanier, Tonya Perry, Katie Kitchen and Cain Towers.

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SNOWFLAKES AND SNOW QUEEN AND KING Back row, Clare Endert, Zaila Barba-Oliveri, Carrie Badeaux, Brooke Grammer and Katie Kitchen. Front row, Tonya Perry and Chris Brant.

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TRINIDAD TOWN HALL From government decisionmaking to weddings, this is where it happens.

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## A brief history of Trinidad Town Hall

Trinidad transformed from a frantically built Gold Rush era mining supply town to a mill and seafaring working town. The hotels, saloons, stores, schools, lighthouses, meeting places and homes reflect the culture of a far western, practical, hard-working citizenry.

Most of the late 19th century and early 20th century buildings are gone now, many from fire. The first Trinidad School burned in 1914; the second Trinidad School in the mid-1940s. The entire Edwards Street block, including Pinkham’s Hotel and Saloon, McConnaha’s Store, the Saunders home and a barber shop burned in 1928. The Occidental Hotel burned in 1870 and was then rebuilt; the Trinidad Hotel in 1955. Baker Store (now Beachcomber Café) burned in the early 1950s but was rebuilt. When the 1873 Holy Trinity Church was in near ruin, Glenn Saunders, a volunteer firefighter, suggested using the old church for a practice burn. His wife, Janis, said



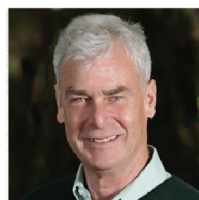
emphatically, “no,” and proceeded to organize its restoration. Holy Trinity is Trinidad’s oldest building besides the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse.

The “Historical Architecture of Trinidad” a photography exhibit currently at the Trinidad Museum, showcases buildings that are no longer standing and ones that remain, including Trinidad Town Hall, which turned 100 years old in 2017.

Trinidad Town Hall, built in 1917 and designed by notable architect Franklin T. Georgeson (1889-1953), did not burn down. Minutes from the Trinidad Trustees meetings starting in 1915, and transcribed by Ned Simmons, tell the story of how the town hall came to be.

A proposal to build a town hall was first made July 6, 1915 with trustees “Webster, Riecke and Dryden appointed to draw rough plans for same” but it was not

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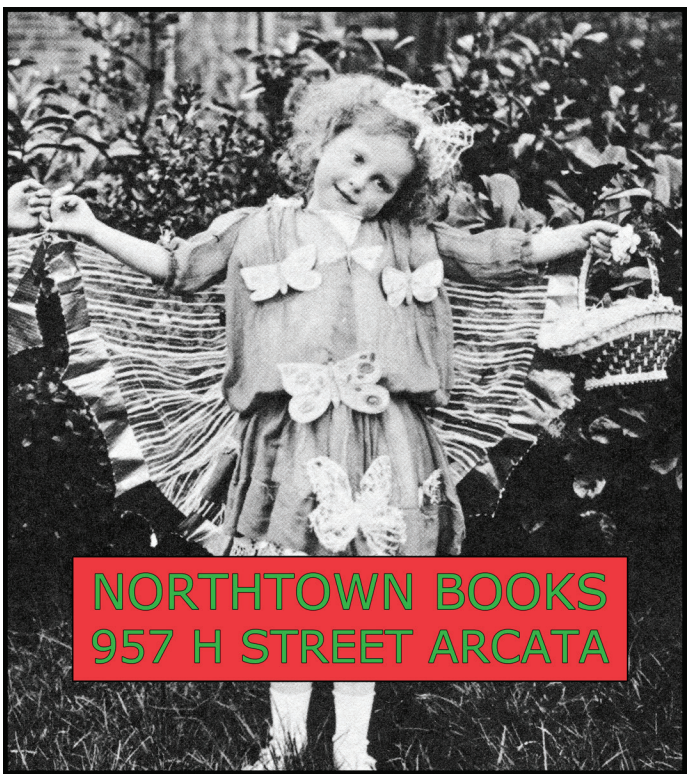
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**CLARA’S DREAM** Trinity Ballet Academy of McKinleyville presents the delightful “Clara’s Dream” on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. at North Coast Repertory Theater, 300 Fifth St. in Eureka. This ballet features traditional dances of “The Nutcracker” as well as inspirational Dances of Noel. Students ages 11 and up as well as Trinity Ballet Academy’s resident company, The Ballet Emmaus Project, perform in this production. Tickets are \$15 general and \$8 for children 11 and under. Seating is limited. Advanced tickets are required. Call (707) 839-1816 for ticket information.

## Nutcracker | Classic ballet

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Marciano Valdez where they endlessly perform partner lifts and stunts to the fast and upbeat orchestration.

Costume Designer Elisabeth Holloway brings her talents to the stage with one-of-a-kind Victorian Party dresses and a beautiful transformation dress she designed and crafted. Badeaux reveals that, “We work hard to make sure every aspect of the show has that magical touch. The costumes, choreography, sets, acting, and props all have to create the Nutcracker world that we dance in.”

This is evident in the Growing Tree backdrop that extends to scale 25 feet into the air and stretches over 40 feet wide that local artist Phyllis Barba took on creating. The whole production displays what fine artisans our community has.

Hope Magee dances the coveted role of Clara once again, the young girl whose wintery dream brings about much of the fantasy that creates the beloved Nutcracker. Magee brings her ballet prowess and athletic abilities to the stage with her impressive flexibility and grace danced on pointe through each of the Nutcracker kingdoms.

The Nutcracker ballet is truly a holiday classic that is enjoyed by families year after year.

## Holiday cheer in the peaceable hamlet

Christmas is almost here! Just a couple of items to remind you of, but mostly ... enjoy the season. On Wednesday, Dec. 20 is the Grange Christmas Caroling at 6:30 p.m. at the Mad River Grange, located at 110 Hatchery Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 23 is the very very last day of the Blue Lake Artisan’s Collective Holiday Market, located at 111 Hatchery Rd., across the street from the Grange.

City Hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26 and there will be no more regularly scheduled council meetings until 2018.

Sign-ups for Winter Break camp for children under 12 years is going



**HORSING AROUND** The Blue Lake Saddle Club recently donated \$900 to the Blue Lake City Council for the Blue Lake Parks and Recreation Department. From left are Darcy Lima (Blue Lake Saddle Club), Bettina Eipper (in the horse head), Adelene Jones (mayor), Jean Lynch, Bobbi Ricca and Elizabeth Mackay.

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on now. Contact City Hall for details at (707) 668-5655.

Once again, Happy Holidays! We

have Winter Solstice on the Dec. 21, Christmas on Dec. 25, and Kwanzaa begins on Dec. 26. May it all be merry!

**GUN CONTROL DISCUSSED** The topic of gun control will be explored at Lifetree Café at the corner of 13th and Union streets **Sunday, Dec. 31** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Inside the Gun Debate: To Hunt? To Defend? To Assault?” features filmed interviews with Tom Mauser, whose son died at Columbine High School, and Michael Lang, a concealed weapon firearms instructor. Free snacks and coffee are served. (707) 672-2919

**QUILTERS GUILD** The Redwood Empire Quilters Guild

will start the New Year by meeting at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., in the Home Economics Building on **Thursday, Jan. 4** at 6:30 p.m.

Susie Freese will introduce the 2017/18 Challenge Quilt and the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) grant Chair Mary Stuart will introduce the 2018 grant recipients. The public is welcome to attend for a guest fee of \$3. Yearly membership is \$25. Come early at 6:30 for hospitality and fellowship. [reqg.com](http://reqg.com)

## Town Hall | Request for bids advertised in the Blue Lake Advocate

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til June 1916 that the Trinidad Trustees decided to endorse having a building erected by November. The discussion resumed in July 1916, “and the clerk was instructed to write to the Fortuna Bld. & Loan Assoc.” and also “see the lumber Co. as to their terms on a bill of lumber. Mrs. Ehreiser offered to donate two months salary toward the building fund, Recorder Webster offered a yrs. and the Clerk offered two months for both herself and the Treasurer.”

In August 1916, “McConnaha was appointed as a committee of one to see about the advisability of bonding the town.” In 1916, the value of the town was \$29,645. The following month, “a communication from Dist. Attorney stating that if the town assessment amounted to \$33,000,” bonding for \$5,000 could occur. McConnaha, at the September meeting, presented a resolution, seconded by Dryden, that an ordinance be passed calling for a special election to bond the Town Hall. Scott, Dryden, Gilmore and McConnaha voted “aye.”

A public meeting was called for Oct. 7, 1916 to discuss plans and later in the month, Scott, McConnaha, Dryden, Mrs. Ehreiser and the president voted to adopt the resolution. A special election was called for Nov. 28 to “bond the Town for a Town Hall.” Thirty townspeople voted for the proposition and three voted “no.” Twenty bonds were printed by Carlisle Co.

Franklin T. Georgeson was hired to draw plans, which were accepted on Feb. 5, 1917 after altering the stage height from 1 foot,

9 inches to 3 feet. The first installment of his fee – \$25 – was paid. (A review of full Trustee hand written minutes taken between 1915 and 1918 does not show the total architect bill paid.) Bonds were put out to bid and the Bank of Arcata’s bid of \$2,700 was accepted by the trustees.

On March 26, 1917, “a letter was read from F.T. Georgeson stating that since the price of all building material had advanced so since our plans were made that he was sure no contractor would put in a bid matching the limits of our available fund, and if such proved to be the case, he would immediately provide different plans at no additional expense.” Only one bid came in from W.W. Rease of Arcata for the sum of \$4,600, which was rejected as too high. “After short talks by Contractors Hill and Rease, and architect Georgeson during which he showed a preliminary sketch of a one-story building it was moved by Scott to abandon the old plans.” wrote Clerk Grace McConnaha.

A special meeting was called for March 29, 1917, when “plans were presented and a letter of explanation from Architect Georgeson considerable time was given to the study of plans and a few changes were made and the clerk instructed to return the plans to Georgeson with a letter explaining the changes desired.” Bids for the building were advertised in the *Blue Lake Advocate*.

During May 1917 meetings, a communication was read in which Mr. Georgeson “offered to act as inspector of the New Town Hall for 2 percent of the construction price,

and half of his expenses in coming on trips of inspection.” Scott made a motion that Gilmore be appointed inspector and McConnaha seconded the same and the motion was carried unanimously. Also, it was decided to buy pine planks for the sidewalk from the street back to the side entrance. George F. Hill’s bid of \$2,750 to construct the building was accepted on a motion of Scott seconded by Mrs. Ehreiser. A “deduction of \$50 was made by cutting out all the plumbing but the kitchen sink, and one toilet. A discussion arose as to the expense of the cesspool, and the clerk & marshal agreed to donate two months salary towards it, and Mr. Hill donated one days work.” Bills were received from F.T. Georgeson for the hall plans, from the *Blue Lake Advocate* for advertising and the Little River Redwood Co. for cesspool and sidewalk. Also, Contractor Hill recommended “strengthening the building by extra trusses.”

In June 1917, “A bill for \$1,000 for the second installment ... was allowed” and “insuring the new town hall was discussed and the rates of a company represented by Grace Campbell of Eureka, and a company of which Webster & Chaffey are agents were given ... matter could be settled at the next meeting.”

Also, lighting was discussed. Treasurer Chaffey spoke of “a second-hand acetylene gas plant for sale at Alliance, and Trustee McConnaha agreed to look into the matter...” Bills paid: “Henry Behr \$3.75 for work on cesspool; J. Spinus \$2.50 work on cesspool; Jas. Underwood \$4.50 work on

sidewalk in front of Hall; G.F. Hill \$66.50 for extra material to work on hall.” Later in June, President Gilmore acting as inspector reported the town hall completed in a satisfactory way ... and a vote of thanks extended to Contractor Hill for the generous treatment accorded to the town.”

The final payment of \$1,200 was paid to Mr. Hill. A notice of completion was filed by the clerk and a “general discussion then ensued in regard to the dance to be given the 30th and everyone present seemed willing to do his share toward making this opening event a great social success.”

Architect Franklin T. Georgeson was a 1906 graduate of Eureka High School and the University of California and began his architectural career in the San Francisco Bay Area. He designed the Humboldt County exhibit for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. The eldest son of Eureka Mayor Fred W. Georgeson, he set up offices in Eureka in 1912 and worked on several architectural landmarks besides Trinidad Town Hall, notably the Richard Sweasey Theatre (now Arkley Center for the Performing Arts), the Ferndale Repertory Theatre, The Eureka Woman’s Club (1916), the Masonic Building (1922), the Arcata Creamery, the Minor Theatre (1914) and the Arcata Presbyterian Church (1918).

*Patti Fleschner and Joan Berman gathered information for this article for the winter 2017 issue of the Trinidad Museum Society Newsletter. Ashley Mobley and Sjell Merrick with assistance from Scott Baker, Patti Fleschner and Alexandra Cox curated the Historical Architecture of Trinidad exhibit. Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.*

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20	THURSDAY, DEC. 21	FRIDAY, DEC. 22	SATURDAY, DEC. 23	SUNDAY, DEC. 24	MONDAY, DEC. 25	TUESDAY, DEC. 26
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. Sci Fi Night, Batman Returns		7:30 p.m. • Indiana Jones, Last Crusade				
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke with KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Live music	9 p.m. Live music	8 p.m. • Karaoke with KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. Blue Rhythm Revue (R&B, Funk)		8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv		
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata		4:30 p.m. NFL Football			10 a.m. NFL Football	4:30 p.m. NFL Football	
	The Jam	9 p.m. Whomp				9:30 p.m. Sundaze		8:30 p.m. Comedy
	The Logger Bar 501 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Midnight Wheel	8 p.m. Festivus!	all day NFL Football	Open at 5 p.m. Merry Chjristmas!	all day Free ping-pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Croppy & Dusty, covers/jams	6 p.m. Compost Mt. Boys		6 p.m. • Jim Lahman Band	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. For Folk Sake				Closed	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville					8 p.m. Trivia Night	Closed	

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**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 23** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Sharon Levy at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, history, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

**SLOW MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour **Tuesday, Dec. 26** at 2 p.m., for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour lasts 90 minutes across even, level ground and is

suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet leader Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 30** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Barbara Reisman at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants, history, and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

**KING TIDE** The City of Arcata is promoting sea level rise awareness by inviting the public to take part in observing and capturing tidal impact information during the highest predicted tide – a King Tide – at the beginning of next year. Three days of high tides are expected beginning on Jan. 1 with the King Tide event anticipated to occur on Jan. 2. While tides can be affected by a number of factors, and conditions may change closer to the event, city staff is asking for community help in chronicling information about water levels on the bay, and in creeks and streams, by taking photos in various locations on Jan. 1 through Jan. 3. Maps, tidal times, and information about how to specifically document and provide information to city staff will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now to be part of this King Tide event at the beginning of the new year!

**KING TIDE WALK** On **Monday, Jan. 1** Friends of the Arcata Marsh will be participating in the California Coastal Commission's statewide King Tides event. FOAM board members Elliott Dabill and David Couch and photographer Paul Johnson will lead a special two-hour walk where attendees are encouraged to take photos of the shoreline. Meet on the porch of the Interpretive Center at 10:30 a.m. (the building will be closed for the holiday). (707) 826-2359

## Meet Penny, a gentle hound with superb leash manners

I am happy to report that the Holiday Open House at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter in McKinleyville raised more than \$12,000 for the shelter's Emergency Medical Fund (EMF)!



furry friends.

Thanks to all of you who supported the EMF by coming to the event, donating items or contributing cash! Many cats and dogs will get a second chance at a healthy life thanks to you.

The shelter doesn't really get a holiday from stray animals coming in. The kennels have filled up once again. Though we strongly discourage giving animals as presents, this can be a good time of year for families to come meet the dogs and cats if they are considering adopting.

Often people have a little time off from work or school and can help a new family pet get acclimated to the home during the break. There are lots of animals ready to be home for the holidays. Please come by and check them out.

The shelter will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day but open the rest of those weeks from Tuesday to Friday. The shelter is located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville.

More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

One beautiful dog that you might have seen at the Open House is young Penny. She is a gorgeous hound mix with a very soft copper-colored coat. This girl is just about a year and has impressed everyone with how gentle she is. She is very easy-going and gets along very well with others.

Penny has some of the best leash manners of any of the shelter dogs. She would love to have the attention of a family and would be a very loyal companion. Penny is a large dog, probably about 65 or 70 pounds, though her calm demeanor makes her seem to occupy less space than the busier smaller dogs! Penny is available at the shelter and is spayed, microchipped and current on vaccinations. Come by and take Penny out to the play yard or for a walk; you will be impressed by this lovely girl!

Remember Bernie, the blood donor dog? Bernie did great at the Open House but got stressed afterwards, something that can happen to the dogs when the shelter gets so full and the energy is more tense with so many



Penny

dogs. As a result, Bernie displayed some behavior that got him kicked out of the adoptable wing.

We at Redwood Pals still think he's a great dog, and completely worth trying to save. His naughty behavior involved food, which is an area that can usually be corrected fairly easily. Redwood Pals will provide the training to correct this to any potential adopters or fosters. If you are interested in helping Bernie to leave the shelter safely, please contact us at [redwood-palsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwood-palsrescue@gmail.com) or call (707) 839-9692.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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### ARCATA WINTER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE ON FRIDAY

Arcata Main Street invites our communities to enjoy the splendor of the season with us during our snowy Arcata Winter Solstice Open House on Friday, Dec. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza. This event features a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the falling snow, as well as complimentary horse and carriage rides around the Plaza. Shops will also be open late. Children and the young at heart welcome. For more information (707) 822-4500 or [arcatamainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:arcatamainstreet@gmail.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT** Hospice of Humboldt offers free, drop-in grief support groups every week. Meetings in Arcata are held on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. in the fourth floor conference room. In Eureka, meetings are held on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Ct. In Fortuna, meetings are held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way. For more information call (707-267-9801) or visit [hospiceofhumboldt.org](http://hospiceofhumboldt.org).



## Maintenance Worker (full-time)

Entry Level \$30,815 - \$37,456/yr.  
Senior Level \$35,788 - \$43,501/yr.

**Filing Deadline: 4:00 p.m. January 5, 2018.**

Performs a wide variety of semi-skilled and skilled tasks related to construction, maintenance, repair, installation and monitoring of City parks, facilities, and natural resource areas; performs other related duties as assigned. EOE. Application materials available at: [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) or City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata; (707) 822-5953.

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❖ EMPLOYMENT

**Visiting Angels is seeking Caregivers, CNAs & HHAs to assist seniors in Fortuna, McKinleyville, and Eureka. Part-time and Full-time, flexible hours. Please call 707-362-8045.**

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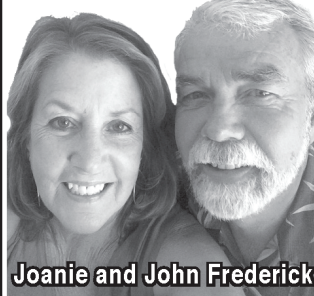
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## On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

**THE 3 'COMPARABLES'**

When you buy a house or refinance your present home, your lender will ask you to pay for an appraisal to help ensure that the sales price and mortgage amount are consistent with the property's market value. The appraiser will look for three "comparables" — homes that are very similar to the one you are buying — and make adjustments to reflect the differences between the properties.

Housing patterns tend to be homogenous, meaning that homes worth \$100,000 are located in neighborhoods where the average price of a house is in that range. It is important for properties to be within the general pricing patterns of the neighborhoods because over-valued homes, even exceptional ones, are sometimes difficult to sell at full market price.

This is not the only factor in determining the value of a property, but it is an important one. The buyer or seller may view the property as their home or an investment, but lenders view a property as security in the event a borrower fails to repay a mortgage. Therefore, lenders must know real estate values in order to limit their risks.

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at [www.azalearealty.com](http://www.azalearealty.com).

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**joanie@azalearealty.com**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
17-00618  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ROOTED VITALITY**  
4705 MELODY COURT  
BAYSIDE, CA 95524  
P.O. BOX 5315  
ARCATA, CA 95518  
ALISON R. WELLINGTON  
4705 MELODY COURT  
BAYSIDE, CA 95524  
This business is conducted by:  
An Individual  
S/ALISON R. WELLINGTON, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 22, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 14, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
17-00656  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LOCAL LANDSCAPES**  
1355 SAMOA BLVD #11  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
1160 BOSS ROAD  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
S J WIRTHMAN  
1160 BOSS ROAD  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
This business is conducted by:  
An Individual  
S/JUSTIN S. WIRTHMAN, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 14, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
17-00655  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**REDWOOD REHEARSAL ROOMS**  
1355 SAMOA BLVD #4  
1160 BOSS ROAD  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
JUSTIN S. WIRTHMAN  
1160 BOSS ROAD  
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519  
This business is conducted by:  
An Individual  
S/JUSTIN S. WIRTHMAN, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 14, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
17-00636  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**THE GREEN BEAN**  
281 WILDWOOD AVE.  
RIO DELL, CA 95562  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 27, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

**NAME STATEMENT**  
17-00642  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CRAIGS GARDENING & MAINTENANCE**  
4992 AIRTREAM AVE  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
CRAIG R. MILLERBIS  
4992 AIRSTREAM AVE  
ARCATA, CA 95521  
This business is conducted by:  
An Individual  
S/CRAIG R. MILLERBIS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 7, 2017  
KELLY E. SANDERS  
SC DEPUTY CLERK  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
JERRY LYNN URBANUS  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
CASE NO. CV171025  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner JERRY LYNN URBANUS has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: JERRY LYNN URBANUS to Proposed name ARIAL NOVA.  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Date: January 16, 2018  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.  
Date: NOV. 20, 2017  
s/LEONARD LACASSE  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**  
BURL L PEE LECHUGA  
AKA PENNY LECHUGA  
CASE NO.: PR170330  
To all heirs, beneficiaries,

Date: Jan, 4, 2018  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 4  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are

A person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN  
GALE & NIELSEN  
2127/2017 at Mad River Hospital, Arcata, CA.  
2. A hearing will be held on March 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
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**CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294**  
Case Name:  
**VALERIE BROOKE**  
Case No.: JV170046  
1. To Tabettha Brooke, David Bullwinkle, Nicholas Creisinger and anyone claiming to be a parent of Valerie Brooke born on 2/27/2017 at Mad River Hospital, Arcata, CA.  
2. A hearing will be held on March 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
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3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.  
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.  
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.  
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.  
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.  
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
JEFFREY S. BLANCK,  
COUNTY COUNSEL #115447  
DEBRA AVENMARG, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #271366  
825 FIFTH STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
(707) 445-7236  
DATE: DEC 06, 2017  
Jackson W. Clerk, by Kim L. Bartleson, Deputy  
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